

## DAILY TRIBUNE

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SATURDAY MORNING, JAN. 11, 1902

**Irish branch of England.**  
ACCOUNT OF THE IRISH ORGANIZATION IN THE  
TWO CITIES—ATTENDING ON THE  
Our telegraphic column, yesterday, gave a  
brief account of the arrest and imprisonment  
of Jim Flaherty in Cincinnati, a few days ago  
on charges of violation of the neutrality laws.  
We have now the Cincinnati papers of the 26  
and 27th inst., in which we find a report of the  
examination of the prisoner, now progressing  
before Judge Leavitt, of the U. S. Circuit  
Court. That examination has brought to light  
many important facts in the history of the Irish  
movement, and we devote a portion of our  
space to their recital.

The District Attorney, when the case was  
opened, and he expected to prove that the

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problem, in the rage of servitude, and die with slavery's fetters on our limbs, without an effort to free ourselves from this accursed land. I have said: Ireland speaks to us through the Massachusetts Convention. Shall we not heed the appeal? Shall we not rise up and answer it? We have already adopted the Massachusetts platform and plan of action, and is duly authorized to organize the State of Ohio. The Robert K. Connelley Association, the Ohio National Anti-Slavery Irishmen, to organize clubs in every city, town and village in the State, on the above plan and to send forth a large number of agents to visit and persuade you from here, on application to our Secretary. When the State is thus organized, a State Anti-Slavery Convention will be called, and a State Director will be elected to superintend the agents and other business of the society. Irishmen! let no man fall or falter now. The time has come when we must all do our manly duty. Oh! how long have we wept over the tale of sorrow, that weekly comes to our ears, and how gently we have turned away our eyes, and how feebly we have watched for any movement to free the poor wretch from the polluted waters of Ireland. Now, however, we are called to rise up, and to

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the course of initiation of the organization, of which the members were sworn, the following conditions were broken in upon by the United States officials, who were they were found, a veritable molting of the insect society.

OMENS OF INITIATION.

"In the awful presence of God, I do voluntarily declare and promise that I shall use my utmost efforts to bring about the overthrow of the Government of Great Britain and of all persecutions, free to uphold and overthrow the English government in Ireland; and should I be convicted of any crime, I shall accept of the rewards or punishment shall ever induce me to make known any of the secrets of this order. To do so is most solemnly pledged my most sacred honor."

The frequent holding of Irish meetings, it appears, put interested parties on the scent, and they found no difficulty in securing the services of as many informers as they chose to employ, by whom they had nightly reports of what was going on. William Edward Dalton, writes to a meeting in London:

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Live in Hamilton; an Deputy Clerk for the Court of Common Pleas in Butler county; and a member of the Hamilton Lodge, No. 1, of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. He was acquainted with Mr. K. in a private residence; saw him two or three weeks after; introduced to Captain B. three weeks ago Saturday night; and he was introduced to the Klan by Capt. Burke in the statement of the church. I understood that there was to be a discussion about the rights of society, in which Captain Burke was interested.

No place particularly designated for the Society; believe it was said to be in fair city. A President was elected, and a Vice President appointed. Capt. B. stated the object of the society, very clearly, but I understood this society was to be a social one, and not a political one. I was told that the object of which was to unite Irishmen; dissolving a military organization of very objection to the colonization of the Irish in the United States. I understood to organize, no as in case of war between the U. S. and Great Britain, the Irish, believing it would be a great advantage to the United States, what they could for Ireland, opposed the

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This meeting was held in the basement of the Irish Anti-Slavery Church in London, a school for the day. About one hundred persons present at the Hamilton meeting. Knappack said in his speech that he "wished all the world to know that the cause of the slave is not a passing fashion, but that there is a probability of war between this country and Great Britain."

overthrow the British Government in Ireland. The terms of membership were stated to be \$1 initiation fee, and twenty-five cents a month to pay expenses. Should any there were thirty-five or forty persons at the meeting, Mr. Hall, Mr. O'Halloran, and Mr. Brady, now in the Court House, were present. Mr. Harbort came in while the talk was being administered, and seated himself beside me. On the 11th or 12th of May, I was asked to go to a meeting of the same kind as if I would go where any he would. I said no; I would go where any other man would go.

**Concluded.**—My reasons for interesting myself in this office were simply that I thought these fellows were intermeddling and I wished to see them rebuffed. I was not against any body but an American holding office; nor was I friendly to an Irish official, but one deal as well with the Cadres as any body.

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